

KATHARINE K. RUSSELL.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 660.]

JANUARY 10, 1857.

Mr. DICKSON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Katharine K. Russell, widow of Dr. J. P. Russell, deceased, submit the following report:

That it appears from the testimony of Dr. George H. Batchelder and Brevet Colonel Harvey Brown that the petitioner's husband, who was a surgeon's mate during the war of 1812, and until the time of his death, which occurred in 1849, was, with said affiants, ordered to inspect the work on Bedloe's island for the purpose of establishing a depot at that post.

That the weather was inclement, and the subterranean vaults, in two or three of which they were obliged to enter and remain for a considerable time, were damp and unwholesome. The day after their visit, Dr. Russell, who had previously been in feeble health, was taken sick, which sickness terminated fatally in the course of ten days thereafter, and that the inciting cause of his death was his tour of duty of inspection on Bedloe's island.

In view of the above facts, and in consideration of the long and valuable services of petitioner's husband, who, it also appears, served in the Florida war, the committee report a bill, and recommend its passage.

